

## SPORTS



### Five in the finals

Five Soviet clubs will compete in the finals of the European handball cups.

In the Cup Winners Cup, women's Kiev Spartak will meet Yugoslav Radnicki, and Baku Avtomobilist will clash with Empor (GDR) in the finals of the International Handball Federation Cup. The Central Army Club of the USSR and Gmundenbach of West Germany will meet in the men's Winners Cup and Minsk Central Army Club and Bucharest Dinamo will contest the Cup Holders Cup.

Zaporozhye ZSU will take on Sweden's Karlshamn in the International Handball Federation Cup finals.

Magdeburg of the GDR, who eliminated Rostov Rassvet in the semifinals, will play Yugoslav Osijek.

The first-leg games are due to be played April 23-24, and the return bouts, April 30-May 1.

The Central Army Club and Avtomobilist will play at home, while the three other Soviet clubs will compete in away games.

Kiev Spartak's Larisa Kirova netting a goal against West German Bayer Leverkusen in the European Winners Cup semifinals.

### Chess: three semifinalists known

The current chess season is an eventful one—only recently we witnessed the beginning of the 20th Jubilee men's national championship, and already three finalists are out. The leader, two-time national titlist Lev Psakhis, from Krasnoyarsk, has 2.5 points and seems confidently headed for another title.

World champion Anatoly Karpov is also doing well—after drawing with Lev Polugayevsky and Georgi Agzamov, he scored a fine win over Artur Yusupov.

### EUROPEAN FOOTBALL FIELD DAY

In the European Winners Cup first leg semifinals, Juventus (Italy) fielded six world champions to beat Widzew (Poland) 2-0 with goals from Tardelli and Bellega, while Real Sociedad (Spain) drew with Hamburg (West Germany) 1-1 at home.

In the Cup Holders Cup, Aberdeen (Scotland) licked Belgium's semiprofessional Waterloo 5-1, and Anaitas's Aus-

tria was held to a 2-2 draw by visiting Madrid Real.

In the UEFA cup, Portugal's Benfica failed to overcome the strong defences of the visiting Universitatea (Romania) and the game was a goalless draw. In Prague, Bohemians (Czechoslovakia) lost to Anderlecht (Belgium), 0-1.

The second-leg games are due within two weeks.

Vladimir McMillin



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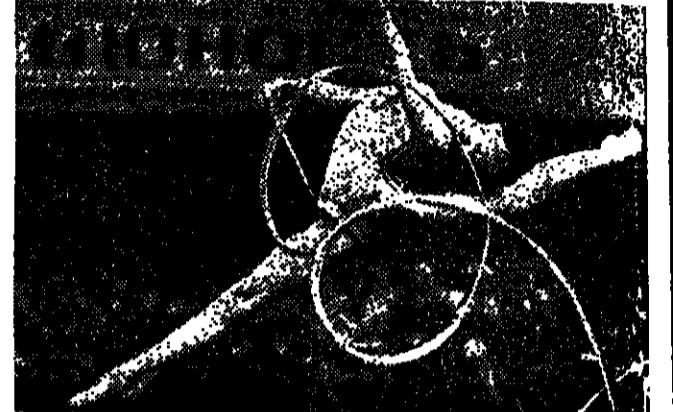
### PEACE RACE IN THE OFFING

The May 8 prologue (individual speed trial) across Warsaw will launch the 36th Peace Race on its way. Altogether 19 nations, including the USSR, will enter this widely popular amateur cycling competition.

The USSR has always been among the Race's hot favourites, having scored five individual and team wins since 1977. Last year, however, the winners were Olaf Ludwig of the GDR and his teammates, so the USSR is eager to stage a comeback.

Only recently aspirants to a national squad competed in a national many days long race in the vicinity of the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Budding Ivars

and national team coach Viktor Kapitonov, divided the squad into groups of six cyclists each who will compete in France at Czechoslovakia, following which the ultimate selections will be made.



Edita Rukauskaite, of the USSR, going through her paces in a recent Moscow rhythmic exercises encounter between the USSR and Czechoslovakia, which the former won.

Photo by Anatoly Okhmatov

### DIVING FOR MEDALS

The USSR dominated both men's and women's team diving competition at the European Cup which just ended in Brno, Czechoslovakia, totalling 385 points. The second placed GDR chalked up 359 and Italy and France tied at 314 points each. Altogether 14 countries attended.

### ICE-HOCKEY SPECTACULAR

In their second encounter against West Germany in Mainz, the USSR ice-hockey squad prevailed 5-2.

Czechoslovakia beat Sweden 11-2 in a home "Rude právo" game at Olomouc, both bouts played in preparation for the world championship starting off on April 16 in West Germany.

#### OF INTEREST

It is no exaggeration to say that ice hockey is a national sport in Czechoslovakia and that everything connected with it is extremely popular. One indication of this is the collection amassed over many years by

Josef Prümz from České Budějovice. A room in his home is crammed with 254 ice-hockey sticks of different make plus 121 jubilee pucks produced especially for world and European championships.

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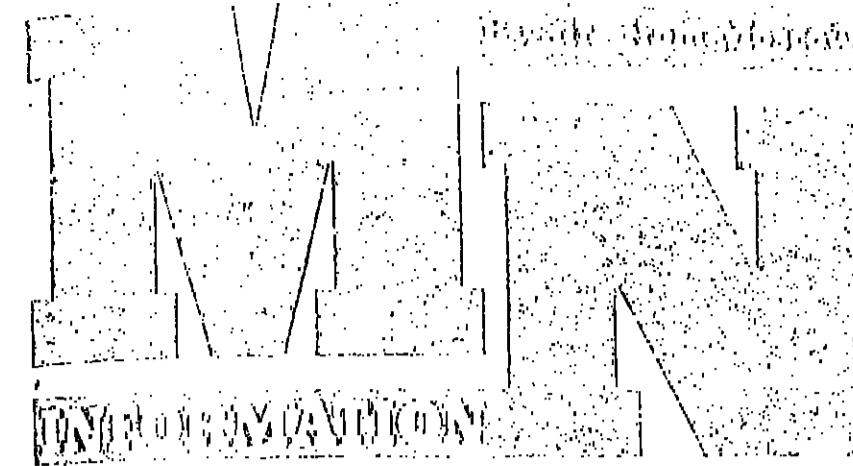
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### SOVIET GOVERNMENT SENDS MESSAGE TO UNESCO CONFERENCE

The Soviet government has sent a message to the intergovernmental conference on education in the spirit of peace, sponsored by UNESCO. It says the Soviet Union praises the role played by UNESCO as well as its varied activities in the sphere of education, upbringing, and cultural and scientific exchanges between peoples for the purpose of their mutual enrichment and development, as well as for the triumph of the ideals of peace and friendship among peoples, and for the attainment of a healthier political climate on earth. The Soviet government, which invariably observes all the standards of international law and UNESCO's recommendations in this sphere, intends as before to continue to provide all necessary help and support to UNESCO.



Massive anti-war peace marches are being held this spring in the FRG. The marchers are opposed to the deployment of new American medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany. In the town of Neu-Ulm where Pershing-2s are to be sited, hundreds of West German citizens blocked the approaches to the American military base. Some people were injured by police called in to disperse the marchers with tear gas.

In the photos: a picket mounted by the marchers; police deal with demonstrators.

## WARNING FROM SOVIET SCIENTISTS

Proceeding from the knowledge that we possess as scientists as well as from our understanding of the nature of nuclear arms, we declare with utmost responsibility that there are no effective defensive means in nuclear war and their development is practically impossible. Soviet scientists across in a letter appeal to scientists world-wide in connection with President Reagan's decision to create a mammoth anti-missile complex. Among the 244 signatories are President of the USSR Academy of Sciences Anatoly Alexandrov, Nobel Prize winners Nikolai Basov, Leonid Kantorovich, Alexander Prokhorov, Ilya Frank, Pavel Cherenkov, Nikolai Semenov, and Academicians Yevgeny Vasiliev and Yevgeny Chazov.

The scientists have described the president's decision as a most pernicious illusion which could spell out another menacing twist to the arms race.

Today, when the future of our descendants is in the balance, every scientist must make an honest and clear declaration, guided by his/her knowledge, and conscience of what the world should do — whether it should develop new types of strategic weapons that bolster the threat of a mutually lethal conflict or promote the limitation of the arms race and subsequent disarmament. It is emphasized in the letter. This is the scientists' historic and moral duty to mankind.

### INTERNATIONAL MARX CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

Berlin. "Karl Marx and Modern Times—Struggle for Peace and Social Progress" is subject of an international conference held in the GDR capital.

The conference is sponsored by the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SUPG) to mark the 15th anniversary since the birth and the centenary of the death of the founder of scientific communism. Taking part in this international scientific forum are nearly 140 delegations representing Communist, Workers', Socialist, Social-Democratic, revolutionary and democratic parties, national liberation movements and international organizations. Among those present is a CPSU delegation led by G. Romanov, Member of the Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee.

Delegates heard a report delivered by Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the SUPG Central Committee and Chairman of the GDR Council of State.

### 'HOW TO AVERT THE THREAT TO EUROPE'

What lies at the bottom of the military strategic parity between East and West in Europe? Why does NATO's "dual decision" pose a real threat to European security and peace as a whole? You can find answers to these and other topical questions in the booklet "How to Avert the Threat to Europe" issued by Progress Publishers in Russian, English, French, German, Dutch, Italian and Spanish.

At a Moscow press conference held to launch the booklet, the authors — noted scholars and public figures from the Soviet Committee for European Security

and Cooperation and the Scientific Council for Peace and Disarmament — stressed the constructive nature of the Soviet peace initiatives and presented the "zero option" and the "interim solution" advocated by the Washington administration in their true colours.

### UN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS INDIAN OCEAN

New York. A special session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean has opened at UN Headquarters. One of its tasks is to arrange an international conference to work out an agreement converting the Indian Ocean into a zone of peace. Were this goal to be realized it would lead to a drastic reduction in the "geographical borders" of the arms race, by excluding from its sphere a huge region populated by one-third of all the people on earth.

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### Academy of Fine Arts celebrates 225th anniversary



K. Bryullov, "Appearance of Three Apostles to Abraham" 1801

A retrospective jubilee exhibition, "225 Years of the Academy of Fine Arts", has opened at Moscow's Central Exhibition Hall (Maneg). Among the objects on view are notes penned by Mikhail Lomonosov, one of the Academy founders, who once prophesied that its foundation would come to "grace the homeland... and introduce to Russia spectacular things revered from time immemorial throughout the world."

The vast display has sections on architecture, theater, decor and monumental and decorative and applied art. There are also books and documents relating to the Academy's history, on view and displayed by its graduates, among them paintings by Polovtsev, Shishkin, Vrubel, Kramskoy and Bryullov, Rodin, Suntsov and Serov, as well as other works by Russian masters.

In all, 3,000 items are on show. Drawings and sculpture by Soviet artists are displayed in the Academy of Arts hall, the Kirovsky hall, the Pushkin hall, the Revolution hall, and Soviet art and

sculpture will soon be on display in the Tretyakov Gallery.

The building of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the USSR in Kuznetsky Street and the high-rise residential block on the banks of the Moscow River in the background.

## PLO LEADER: PALESTINIANS SPURN REAGAN PLAN

Kuwait. The Palestinians reject the so-called "Reagan plan" on the Middle East, as it does not take into account our interests and ignores our right to self-determination, said Yasir Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive.

Speaking in an interview to the "Al-Watan" newspaper, he said that the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Arab people of Palestine. As a result of its courageous fight, it has won recognition and gained

authority and no one else can represent the Palestinians.

We are determined to continue the fight for the attainment of our legitimate goals, including the creation of a state of our own, he pointed out. He sharply condemned the crimes committed on the occupied Arab territories by the Zionists whom he compared with the Nazis.

He noted that the PLO supported the Arab plan for a Middle East settlement put forward at the Arab summit at Fez.

## EGON BAHR CRITICAL OF WESTERN POSITION

Bonn. Writing in the "Vorwärts" newspaper, Egon Bahr, member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany leadership, points out that, like it or not, Andriy Chomynko is right in many things. This is unfortunate, he continued, for being partners to the West we would much prefer to be able to state that the United States is in the right. It is impossible to deny the fact that for nearly three and a half months now the West has failed to reply to Soviet proposals for an agreement between NATO and the Warsaw Treaty regarding the use of force, including both nuclear and conventional weapons.

## SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEETS IN CONGRESS

Monteclaro. The 16th congress of the Socialist International has ended in Portugal, with most attention having been focused on international security and disarmament. Despite serious differences in their approach to the issue, most of the delegates advocated taking positive measures to prevent nuclear disaster threatening life on earth.

If no agreement is reached at the Geneva talks by the end of the year, stressed E. Bahr, of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, the Socialist International should urge a one-year postponement in the deployment in

Europe of the new American Pershing-2 and cruise missiles.

W. Brandt, chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, was re-elected Social International chairman, and Perti Viitanen of the Social Democratic Party of Finland, was elected general secretary.

Islamabad. According to the Portuguese ANCP news agency, PLO representative Ismael Sarrawi, who was present as an observer at the 16th congress of the Socialist International, was assassinated in the lobby of the hotel where the congress took place.

No chemical agents used in Afghanistan, says Red Cross

Islamabad. A representative for the International Red Cross in Pakistan has rejected reports originating in Washington concerning the alleged use of chemical weapons against counter-revolutionary匪-riff in Afghanistan.

The very start of his political career has opposed the idea of armaments control. Reagan's position on this issue is particularly obvious now. His administration has responded to the demand that tests, manufacture and deployment of nuclear arms should be mutually frozen, by a programme to re-arm America, an estimated 2,000,000 million dollars having been earmarked for the purpose.

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Klaus Müller, of Schwerin in the GDR, has calligraphic handwriting. What is more, he is one of the few people in the world who can reproduce the texts of ancient manuscripts with striking precision. Klaus has brought his art to such a degree of perfection that his copies of 18th-century manuscripts decorated with intricate Baroque ornamentation are practically indistinguishable from the originals.

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## VIEWPOINT

Alexander SARMATOV

## CIA'S LINKS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Transnational corporations are pulling all-round and steady backing from American state and government bodies, primarily the CIA, was the conclusion reached by experts from a group of developing nations during the 7th Conference of Non-Aligned Nations in Delhi.

The close working alliance between representatives of American big business and the intelligence service originated way back in World War II and was bolstered in the post-war period. In point of fact in many cases their interests converge.

Transnational corporations are making particularly deep inroads into the economics of developing nations which have opted for the capitalist way of development. It is there that the transnationals and the CIA seek to undermine and subdue "economic nationalism"—a

term used by imperialist propaganda to describe the desire of young states to protect their natural riches from plunder. In this American transnationals make use of the experience and potential of the CIA when and where needed to stage a coup, topple a government, assassinate or compromise unwanted politicians or statesmen, or to blackmail persons they take objection to.

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Transnational corporations are well aware that many countries have quite justified reservations regarding their operations, and this is why they fairly often make use of various "front" organizations, superficially independent but actually advancing American transnationals, acting in conjunction with the CIA.

It was at its most graphic during the events in Chile, when the powerful American International Telegraph and Telephone Company (ITT) and Anaconda provided the CIA with practically unlimited funds and started a furious campaign to destabilize the domestic situation in that country.

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The alliance between American transnationals and the CIA



Drawing by Konstantin Rybalko

## Indira Gandhi: outsiders threaten India's unity

Delhi. Speaking in Varanasi the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said that certain forces were interested in destabilizing the situation in India.

They seek to disrupt the country's unity and to set against each other representatives of different religions and castes—people who had fought side by side for India's freedom. The Indian Prime Minister noted that the disturbances in the state of Punjab had nothing in common with the interests of the Sikhs nor were they provoked by the Shiromani Akali Dal party taken as a whole. The disturbances in Punjab and Assam create a threat to the unity of India, Indira Gandhi said and stressed that the separatist elements were receiving money and weapons from sources other than India.

The vicious campaign of terror unleashed in Guatemala by the pro-American regime of Rios Montt has resulted in the loss of 12,000 lives of civilians there over the past ten months, among them workers, peasants, college students, people working in the arts and representatives from other sectors of society.

No amount of repression, however, can check the onward march of history, as armed resistance to the blood-stained regime grows and guerrillas make life increasingly hot for the regime. In the photos: a Guatemalan patriot; guerrillas hold classes in between combat operations.

## Pan-African news agency

Addis Ababa. Organizational and technical operations are nearing completion for the establishment of the Pan-African News Agency (PANA) which will become fully operational within weeks.

PANA, with its headquarters in the Senegalese capital Dakar, has been set up following an OAU decision to provide the mass media in various countries with fast, objective and comprehensive reports and commentaries of events in Africa.

## TWO TRENDS

Geneva. The present recession in the economies of the major capitalist countries of the West has been the most profound and lengthy in the past fifty years. Such is the conclusion reached in a survey drawn up by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

The survey notes that as distinct from the capitalist world, living standards in the socialist

## FROM the SOVIET PRESS

### 'INTERIM SOLUTION' OR 'INTERIM FALSEHOOD'

Stressing in *PRAVDA* that President Reagan's "interim solution" leaves out of the picture the British and French nuclear medium-range weapons, including 162 missiles, second, it takes no account of many hundreds of American planes carrying nuclear weapons and deployed in Western Europe, and aboard aircraft carriers; third, it also calls for the dismantling of the Soviet nuclear missiles sited in the Asian part of the USSR, which have nothing to do with the balance of forces in Europe.

To sum up, *Grigoryev* continues, whereas even now NATO has a 1.5 times superiority over the USSR. In Europe in medium-range nuclear charges, this figure would rise to nearly 2.5 were the "solution" to be implemented.

### WASHINGTON IN A QUANDARY

In exposing Washington's efforts to justify preparations for nuclear war by "yearning for peace", Vitaly Robish writes as follows in *LITERATURNAYA GAZETA*:

The picture is more or less clear: on the one hand, the United States is bent on confrontation, dictatorial and supreme world domination—requires overwhelming military superiority; hence its mammoth militaristic programme and mind-boggling military spending; on the other hand, Washington has to reckon with a strong anti-war movement which has engulfed Western Europe, Japan, Canada, and other countries, among them the United States itself; furthermore, it also has to reckon with the concrete constructive proposals made by the Soviet Union and the other Warsaw Treaty countries, which point the way towards eliminating the nuclear threat, cutting back armaments and promoting disarmament. No more dragging of feet is possible. In replying to these proposals, all the more so that with the presidential elections in America already in sight, there is rising discontent throughout the nation, among the powers that be included, with the inaptitude and incompetence of Washington leaders.

### SOVIET LAWYER ON ANTONOV'S CASE

Writing in *IZVESTIA* on the legal aspects of the so-called Antonov's case, who was charged with complicity in the attempted murder of Pope John Paul II, the Director of the Institute of State and Law of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Vladimir Egorov, points out that Antonov was arrested on the strength of an allegation made by the Turkish neutralist Agca, who carried out the attempt on the life of the Pope and who earlier had been sentenced by a Turkish court to capital punishment for a political assassination. Agca made his allegation not during the preliminary investigation of the trial but when he was already in prison after having been sentenced to life imprisonment. There is no other "evidence" against Antonov.

Significantly, Article 348 of the Italian criminal code postulates that no one charged with committing one and the same crime, including convicted defendants, cannot testify; witness testimony to be forthcoming from such persons it would be deemed invalid.

To this I would add the author goes on, that Article 29 of the Italian constitution proclaims the presumption of innocence, which means that a person is presumed innocent until proved otherwise, and to call him a criminal is clearly irrefutable. As a lawyer I see here a breach of the constitution as well as of Article 14 of the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights, which also proclaims the presumption of innocence, from which it follows that Antonov should be immediately released.

### RACISTS' NOVELTY — 'ETHNIC WEAPON'

Commenting on the increasing number of cases in which South African regime has used nerve gases against the national liberation movements in Southern Africa, TASS's political observer S. Kullik writes:

It is significant that the symptoms of poisoning from which hundreds of Africans have died, and those from which Arab schoolchildren are dying in towns and cities of the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan are suspiciously similar. It will be recalled that all necessary components for the manufacture of barbitic weapons of mass murder are produced in South Africa under licences issued in the United States and in other Western NATO countries, with Western and Israeli specialists taking part.

The South African racists do not conceal that under the apartheid system the black and white population practically live apart from each other, the use of chemical and germ weapons is "virtually harmless" to the European minority in that country while producing "maximum effect" when utilized against the African majority.

## OF INTEREST

### Dogs a menace in USA

Wild packs of dogs have become quite a scourge in major American cities, where, according to police sources, there are more than 20 million wild canines.

Such was the picture of Calvi's last hours recreated by an Italian inquiry into the operations of the secret mason P-2 lodge bent on fomenting a rightist coup in the Apennines. On that night another macabre page was written into its history.

British investigators originally alleged that Calvi had committed suicide, but the hard facts of the case decided them to launch another inquiry in which Italian investigators will take part.

The situation is so dangerous now that when darkness falls, many people do not venture

## OF INTEREST

### Customs officers at Nairobi airport have discovered and confiscated a large batch of contraband elephant tusks—56 in number. This valuable cargo was to have been flown to Western Europe.

This is the second attempt in a short time to smuggle ivory out of Kenya. At the beginning of March police confiscated 802 tusks after a shoot-out with smugglers in the north-east of the country.

In the photo the haul of elephant tusks at Nairobi airport.

Photo: UPI-TASS

## Round the Soviet Union

FUEL TORCHES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AT CHEMICAL WORKS PROCESSING NATURAL GAS. Azerbaijani specialists in the Transcaucasus now use mineral zeolite to eliminate completely waste products from gas processing. They have combined the gas purification and drying operations, and also extract sulphur from zeolite. The first such unit using the mineral is being built in Turkmenia.

AT A RECENT MOSCOW NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE INVOLVING SOVIET BIOLOGISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, DOCTORS, ANTHROPOLOGISTS, ETHNOGRAPHERS, TEACHERS, AND PHILOSOPHERS discussed the forming of a joint programme for comprehensive human studies.

NO DANGER OF DISAPPEARANCE NOW FACES RARE CURATIVE HERBS WHICH ARE COMMERCIALLY PROCURED EVERY YEAR IN SOUTH KIRGHIZIA, IN CENTRAL ASIA. An agrarian zone for their commercial production has been set aside in the Tien Shan foothills where their planting has already begun.

FAR EASTERN SCIENTISTS HAVE COME UP WITH A METALLOGENIC MAP OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE BAIKAL-AMUR RAILWAY. This "geological encyclopaedia" of the region offers an analysis of the already known deposits and will help prospect for new ones. It has already forecast the existence of deposits of coal, iron ore, tin, rare metals, bauxites, and construction materials.

EIGHTH UNIT OF THE CHEBOKSARY POWER STATION HAS COME INTO SERVICE. This hydroelectric power station, the second stage of the Volga power chain, is now under construction. Another three units are to become operational by the end of the year, and by the end of the five-year plan period the station is to reach capacity at 1,400,000 kW.

## FROM the SOVIET PRESS

## OLYMPIC VILLAGE TODAY

Nearly three years have passed since the Moscow Olympics, and the Olympic Village which was vacant for a while now is a home to lots of Muscovites, writes Village sports complex director Ye. Shestakova in KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA. They enjoy all the services which operated back in 1980, and the same is true of the sporting facilities — the only difference is that they are now used not by outstanding athletes, but by ordinary citizens. Last year alone the facilities catered to over 400,000 people.

Instead of the 190 competitions officially listed in the Village's sports calendar, last year, over a hundred were actually held, among them international meets and contests between Moscow enterprises. Most important, she continues, is the fact that our facilities are open to one and all.

## TREATMENT VS PREVENTION

Can all people stay healthy? Everyone can be healthy provided they lead a healthy way of life. The things essential for a proper timetable combining work, physical exercise, and considerable attention to hygiene described in the paper VECHERNAYA MOSKVA by Rulac Ognov, Director of the Institute of Preventive Cardiology at the All-Union Cardiological Research Centre, the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences. These principles of behaviour ought to be inculcated from early childhood. When senior school pupils were examined in a number of places in this city and abroad, high arterial pressure was detected in 6.8 per cent. These problems cannot be solved if the person regards himself or herself as a subject for medicine,

## YOUNG ARTISTS IN PODOLSK

The children whom you see in the photographs live in the town of Podolsk, south of Moscow. They share one hobby — drawing. Therefore, after their classes at school, they come to a children's art school where they learn the elements of drawing, painting, composition and history of the arts. The best pictures made by children and their teachers are exhibited in the school's special hall.

There are 200 young students at the Podolsk school. Many of the graduates have gone on to become artists and architects. However, the teachers do not set them the task of making all their pupils professionals. They think that the most important thing is to help them cultivate an appreciation of the arts and to awaken the need for creative activities.

In this country, there are



nearly 25 million people of all ages who are members in all sorts of amateur clubs. After school or work they go to their hobby club, amateur theatre, choreographic studio, or a photographic society. There are entire families which are members of the same amateur society.

Commercial development of Pegas zeolite in the Kuznetsk coal basin, Western Siberia, has been started. Geologists estimate the deposit at 150 million tonnes.

Zeolite's properties are well known — it purifies water and air. Any industrial or agricultural branch is now suitable for using it as a kind of a molecular filter, capable of cleansing and separating water solutions and catching the harmful substances discharged into the atmosphere. The main thing, however, is that zeolite raises the efficiency of fertilizers. They store nitrogen, giving it to the plants as they need it.

The Pegas bed is not deeper than fifty metres down, so they are mined by the cheapest strip-mining method.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars



### MIKHAEL VOLONTIR

Mikhail Volontir, an actor from Moldavia, first came into the limelight four years ago in a television film called "Gipsy" in which he played the leading role, for four evenings in a row millions of television viewers relived the sorrows, joys and emotions of Bindur, a gipsy blacksmith, destined for a difficult, lonely life of deprivation and loss. As portrayed by Volontir, the smith was an unusually noble character, modest, wise and infinitely kind, a man who, above all others, deserved the happiness which was not to come his way. Viewers were completely enchanted by both Budulay and by the actor playing the role who was making his first appearance before such a large audience. Yet, even at this time, Volontir had 20 film parts to his credit and had acted on the stage for a quarter of a century.

Born into a forester's family, his first experience of a village coming when it was time for him to go to school, the thought of being an actor never so much as crossed Mikhail's mind. Together with the other village boys he worked the soil and helped bring in the harvest. Later, having finished school and gone on to a teacher's training college, he was to become a village teacher. Volontir had to walk 18 kilometres a day, whatever the weather, to reach his school. And this proved too much of a burden even for a man of his strong constitution. Having become seriously ill, Mikhail was forced to give up teaching. He became organizer of the village club and gradually got totally immersed in amateur activities. It was here he was seen by the chief director of the theatre in Belyay, a small Moldavian town, who persuaded him to join his company. And thus began a new life for Volontir.

It took the shy, country lad about six years to feel at home in the town and theatre. But, in that time, Volontir, playing a wide variety of roles—from Shakespeare to Shukshin—became Moldavia's leading actor. He was to return, moreover, to the profession of teaching. Young actors now flocked to him to learn "the Volontir style of acting" which had become synonymous with a well-integrated performance, and with sincere, natural acting in which strength of emotion is communicated by an external faconism.

Volontir brought all these qualities to the screen. He is remembered for his Carlos in the film "The Sweet Word—Liberty", a man ready to shoulder the world's burdens and who was indefatigable in his efforts for others; and for his portrayal of the enigma in the movies "In the Centre of Attention" and "Countermove", a sad character getting on in years having failed to reach great rank, yet a true soldier. And there are other roles worthy of attention. And yet, as has been said, Volontir made his name with his performance of Budulay in "Gipsy". And this is not just a question of a television audience being so much vaster than a cinema audience. Budulay, more than any other part, provided Volontir with the opportunity of giving a fuller and more vivid interpretation to a theme very close to his heart—a theme which he himself describes in the following words: "A man living for other people, realizing himself in service to others, in the protection of humanity—it is this moral quest which is particularly important for me."

Mikhail Volontir has received more than one invitation to join Moscow theatre companies. However, he continues to remain faithful to himself, to his native theatre, and to Moldavia.

### SCI-FI FILM FESTIVAL

A Soviet movie, "The King of the Wild Game Chase", has won first prize at the International Film Festival of Sci-Fi Films, held recently in Brussels, England, Canada, Italy, France and the United States were among the other countries submitting entries. The following films were also shown by the USSR: "Per Aspera ad Asara", "Solaris", "Aelita", and "Sokol's Journey Round the World".

### 'DEBUT' GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The results achieved by an experimental youth group at Mosfilm Studios, better known as the "Debut" Studio, during the five years of its existence were recently discussed at a conference in Moscow.

The idea of the Studio, which originated among students of the All-Union Institute of Cinematography, was realized in 1977, said I. Sudakov, an official from the USSR Committee for Cinematography. During the two years of its existence 82 directors, 16 scriptwriters, 30 cameramen, 13 artists and an equal number of composers started their careers at the Studio. Experienced cameramen and leading Soviet film actors willingly cooperate with it.

Not all the films produced are a success: to illustrate, out of the total of 82 made to date, 24 were dropped by a jury owing to their artistic weakness.

Many young directors, who made their debut at the Studio, are now leading figures in the cinema world.

### SIX ROLES IN ONE PLAY FOR ADA ROGOVSEVA

Ada Rogovseva plays six parts in a new production of "Peer Gynt", at the Kiev Philharmonic Society. Having demonstrated her remarkable gift of transformation, the leading actress of the Lycra Ukrainska Theatre went on to show audiences another facet to her talents. Edvard Grieg's music forms an integral part of this production of Ibsen's play and in singing the famous Solvigs' song in "Peer Gynt" Rogovseva proved she has an excellent voice.

### PESNYARY COMING ON FIFTEEN

The Pesnyary pop group of Belarus have been performing for the past fortnight at the Central Concert Hall in Moscow. At one of their concerts the group were presented with the Gold Disc, an award instituted by the USSR Ministry of Culture for composers, poets, symphony and variety orchestras and pop groups.



During their Moscow tour, Pesnyary played their one-hour composition, "I Am Bringing a Present", based on verse by the Bychkovskaya classical poet Yanka Kupala.

Also included on their programme were excerpts from a cycle of songs to lyrics by the Scottish poet Robert Burns, "The Jolly Beggars", with which the group are preparing to celebrate their 15th anniversary this September.

Very soon a new double album, called "Pesnyary", is to be released—a live recording of a performance given by the group at the Rossiya Concert Hall in Moscow.

Dmitry SHAVYRIN

### BOOKS AS A VEHICLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Two thousand foreign bookselling firms and organizations have already declared their desire to take part in the 4th International Book Fair to be held in Moscow, September 6 through 12, 1983. 20 thousand titles in the social sciences, politics and science as well as in fiction will be exhibited by the USSR. The above information was provided by the organizing committee of the fair.

The firms taking part in the fair will be able to sign contracts with Soviet foreign trade organizations for the buying of new editions of the classics of Marxism-Leninism, works in scientific communism, books relating to the peace cause, disarmament and democracy.

The Soviet section devoted to science, sports and war heroes will be enlarged at the request of the USSR's foreign partners.

A major part of the Soviet Union's exhibition will illustrate the modern level of equal literature in the 70 languages of the peoples of the USSR.

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